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SUBJECT: DHAHRAN JULY 4 SECURITY PLANNING

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Classified By: Consul General John Kincannon, reasons 1.4 (c) and (d)

¶1. (S/NF) ConGen Dhahran convened a core Emergency Action Committee (EAC) meeting on June 8, 2008 to discuss REFTEL and plans for a 4th of July-related social event to be held on July 3, 2008. In attendance were the CG, RSO, and a representative from RAO.

¶2. (S/NF) The EAC reviewed recent threat information, the current security posture of the Consulate (currently Threat Condition Charlie), the venue for the July 3 event, and the capabilities of Saudi security services in the Eastern Province (EP). The EAC noted that there was no specific threat information related to events on or around July 4, that the proposed event would be held within the secure ConGen Dhahran Compound, and that Saudi security services were proactively working with American counterparts in the EP.

¶3. (S/NF) The EAC determined that the current security measures were appropriate for such an event and that it would be unnecessary at this time to send out a consular warden message. RSO and RAO will continue to evaluate the threat environment and local security situation and a follow-on EAC meeting will be held if new information develops or the security situation changes.

(Approved:KINCANNON)  
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